

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/500,331)	Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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For: EQUIPMENT FOR)	Confirmation No.: 8958
CONTROLLING BLOOD FLOW IN)	
AN EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)	MAIL STOP RCE
CIRCUIT)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English-language abstract is being submitted for JP 2001-321436.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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